and ammunition, special protective equipments/vehicles, advanced communication equipment and modern training aids, etc. Against an estimated cost of Rs. 3740.71 Crore for five years the expenditure incurred upto February 2005 is Rs. 1406.55 Crore.

(c) and (d) During the induction, in-service and rotational training programme conducted by the para-military forces emphasis is laid that force personnel should be sensitive to the concerns of the weaker section of society, and also to the issues concerning human rights.

(e) Does not arise.

Stationing of Para-Military Forces in states prone to natural calamities

2408. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a section of para-military forces are to be set apart and trained for relief operation during natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such trained forces will be stationed in States prone to natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eight battalions of Central Para-Military Forces have been earmarked for specialist response to natural disasters. The requirements of the States prone to natural calamities will be kept in view while locating the earmarked battalions.

Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States

†2409. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been formulated by Government to root out the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and insurgency in the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.